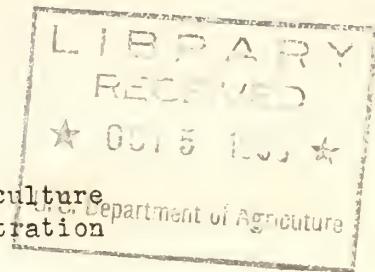


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## ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Form ACP-71, "Articles of Association" as amended July 28, 1938, has been further amended and revised as of September 14, 1939.

The following tabulation sets forth the changes in the content of the Articles resulting from such amendments. Wherever the content of the Articles (other than the change in the system of numbering sections) has been changed, the former as well as the revised content is given.

### CHANGES IN ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

(Form ACP-71 as amended September 14, 1939)

PRIOR TO AMENDMENT	AFTER AMENDMENT
ARTICLE I	ARTICLE I
Section 1.	Section 1. (No change)
ARTICLE II	ARTICLE II
Section 21	Section 1. (No other change)
ARTICLE III	ARTICLE III
Section 31	Section 1. (No other change)
Section 32	Section 2. (No other change)
ARTICLE IV	ARTICLE IV
Section 41	Section 1 - (No other change)
Section 42	Section 2 - (No other change)
Section 43	Section 3 - (No other change)
Section 44	Section 4 - (No other change)
	Section 5 - (a new section reads as follows)
	<p><u>"Calling of Elections.</u> Each election under this Article shall be held on a date or within a period and at a place fixed by the Agri-</p>

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cultural Adjustment Administration as affording full opportunity for participation therein by those eligible. Each such election shall be held in accordance with detailed instructions issued by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration compatible with these Articles and the applicable laws, regulations, rules, and official instructions. If the number of eligible farmers participating in any election provided for in this Article is so small that the Agricultural Adjustment Administration finds that it is not likely that the result of the election represents the views of or would be satisfactory to a majority of the farmers who were eligible to participate in such election, it shall declare the election void and call a new election."

Section 45

ARTICLE V

Section 51(a)(1)  
Section 51(a)(2)  
Section 51(a)(3)

"Has during the current year qualified for a payment or grant of aid in connection with a program administered by the Association in the county for which the committee, delegate, or alternate is elected or in the county in which he was engaged in farming or ranching during such year."

Section 51(a)(4)

"Is not holding, or is not, has not been during the current year, or does not become

Section 6 (No other change)

ARTICLE V

Section 1(a)(1) (No other change)  
Section 1(a)(2) (No other change)  
Section 1(a)(3) (and changed to read)

"Has during the current year qualified for a payment or grant of aid in connection with the Agricultural or Range Conservation or Sugar Program administered by the Association in the county for which the committeeman, delegate, or alternate is elected or in the county in which he was engaged in farming or ranching during such year."

Section 1(a)(4) (and changed to read)

"Is not holding any Federal, State, or major county office filled by an election held pursuant to law, or is

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a candidate for, any Federal, State, or major county office filled by an election held pursuant to law."		not or has not been during the current year and does not become a candidate for any such office."
Section 51(a)(5)		Section 1(a)(5) (and changed to read)
"Is not an officer or employee of any political party or organization."		"Is not and has not been and does not become during the current year an officer or employee of any political party or political organization."
Section 51(a)(6)		Section 1(a)(6) (and changed to read)
"Has not been removed for cause from office as committeeman, delegate, alternate officer, or employee of any Association or like organization, or from public office, or convicted of any fraud, larceny, or embezzlement, or any felony."		"Has not been removed for cause from office as committeeman, delegate, alternate, officer, or employee of any Association or like organization, or from public office, or convicted of any fraud, larceny, or embezzlement, or felony, <u>unless such disqualification is waived for good cause shown by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.</u> "
-----		Section 1(a)(7) (is a new provision which reads):
		"Is not a member of the State Agricultural Conservation Committee."
Section 51(b)		Section 1(b) (and changed to read:)
"Any member of the Association otherwise qualified who has been elected as a member of the community committee may also be elected as a delegate to the county convention or as a member of the county committee, or both, but unless otherwise provided by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, when a member of the community committee becomes a member of the county committee he shall cease to be a member of the community committee."		"Any member of the Association otherwise qualified who has been elected as a member of the community committee may also be elected as a delegate to the county convention or as an alternate member of the county committee, or both, but, unless otherwise provided by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for good cause shown, when a member of the community committee becomes a <u>regular</u> member of the county committee he shall cease to be a member of the community committee".

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Section 52

"The secretary to the county committee and the Association (hereinafter referred to as secretary to the county committee) shall be selected by the county committee, subject to the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The secretary need not be a member of the Association, and may be the county agricultural extension agent but shall not be a member of the county committee."

Section 53(a)

"The treasurer of the county committee and of the Association (hereinafter referred to as the treasurer of the county committee) shall be selected by the county committee, subject to the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The treasurer need not be a member of the Association but shall not be the county agricultural extension agent or a member of the county committee. The offices of secretary to and treasurer of the county committee may, in the discretion of the county committee, be combined, except where the county agricultural extension agent shall have been selected as secretary to the county committee.

Section 53(b)

Section 54

Section 55(a)

Section 2 (and changed to read)

"The secretary to the county committee and the Association shall be selected by the county committee, subject to the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The secretary need not be a member of the association, and may be the county agricultural extension agent but shall not be a member or alternate member of the county committee."

Section 3(a) (and changed to read)

"The treasurer of the county committee and of the Association (hereinafter referred to as the treasurer of the county committee) shall be selected by the county committee subject to the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The treasurer need not be a member of the Association but shall not be the county agricultural extension agent or a member or alternate member of the county committee. The offices of secretary to and treasurer of the county committee may, in the discretion of the county committee, be combined, except where the county agricultural extension agent shall have been selected as secretary to the county committee."

(has been omitted inasmuch as the use of bonds has been supplanted by the Indemnity Trust Fund)

Section 4 (no other change)

Section 5(a) (and the last sentence, dealing with terms of office in 1938 is omitted)

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Section 55(b)		Section 5(b) (no other change)
Section 56(a)		Section 6(a) (and changed to read)
<p>"Any member or officer of the community committee or officer or employee of the county committee who fails to perform the duties of his office, is incompetent, or commits fraud may be removed by the county committee subject to the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. If the county committee fails to act promptly in such case the Agricultural Adjustment Administration may remove such committeeman, officer or employee."</p> <p>-----</p>		<p>"Any <u>secretary, treasurer, employee</u> of the Association, or of any of its committees who fails to perform the duties of his office, is incompetent, or commits, attempts, or conspires to commit fraud, shall be removed by the county committee subject to the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. If the county committee fails to act promptly in such cases the Agricultural Adjustment Administration shall remove such officer or employee on its own initiative."</p>
Section 56(b)		Section 6(b) (a new provision reading)
<p>"Any elected member of the county committee who fails to perform the duties of his office, is incompetent, or commits fraud may be removed by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration."</p>		<p>"Any member of the community committee who fails to perform the duties of his office, is incompetent, or commits, attempts, or conspires to commit fraud, shall be removed by the county committee subject to the prior approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.</p>
		Section 6(c) (and changed to read)
		<p>"Any regular or alternate member of the county committee who fails to perform the duties of his office, is incompetent, or commits or attempts or conspires to commit fraud, shall be removed but only by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The <u>Agricultural Adjustment Administration may also remove any regular or alternate member of the county or community committee if such action appears to be necessary to prevent obstruction or failure or lack of requisite success of the purposes of one or more of the programs administered by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.</u></p>

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Section 56(c)

"Any community or county committeeman who is removed from office shall have the right of appeal to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for a review of the facts. Any individual who on such review is cleared of charges shall not be considered ineligible by reason of such removal within the meaning of Section 51(a)(6)."

Section 6(d) (changed to read)

"Any community or county committeeman, or secretary, treasurer of the Association or any of its committees, who is removed from office shall have the right of appeal to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for a review of the facts. Any individual who, on such review, is cleared of charges shall not be considered ineligible by reason of such removal within the meaning of Section 1 (a) (6) of this article.

Section 57(a)

Section 6(e) (a new provision reading):

"Any regular or alternate committeeman or delegate or alternate delegate shall cease to be such as soon as it becomes evident that he can not qualify for a payment or grant of aid under the current Agricultural or Range Conservation or Sugar Program administered by the Association in the county."

Section 57(b)

Section 7(a) (no other change)

Section 57(b)

Section 7(b) (no other change)

Section 57(b)

Section 8 (a new provision reading):

"Private Business Activity. - No regular or alternate committeeman, officer, or employee of the Association shall at any time use his position to promote any private business interest.

ARTICLE VI

Section 61

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Section 62(a)

Section 1 (no other change)

Section 62(b)

Section 2(a) (no other change)

Section 62(c) Items (1) (2)  
(3) (4)

Section 2(b) (no other change)

Section 2(c) Items (1) (2) (3) (4)  
(no other change)

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Section 62(c) (5) (i)		Section 2(c) (5) (i) (and changed to read)
"Make available for public inspection in the association office information pertaining to each farm within the county with respect to the number of acres in acreage allotments or goals that may be established for the farm, the average yields or productivity indexes established for the farm, and the acreage of range land and grazing capacity thereof for each ranching unit owned or operated in the county by members of the Association.		"Make available for public inspection in the Association office information pertaining to each farm within the county with respect to the number of acres in acreage allotments or goals that may be established for the farm, the average yields or productivity indexes established for the farm, and the acreage of range land and grazing capacity thereof for each ranching unit, owned or operated in the county by members of the Association, and payments received by farmers for co-operators in programs administered by the Association except that the information concerning payment shall not be made available sooner than 30 days after such payments have been received by the farmers."
Section 62 (c) (5) (ii)		(Omitted from the Articles)
Section 62 (c) (5) (iii)		Section 2 (c) (5) (ii) (no other change)
		Section 2 (c) (6) (a new provision reading)
Section 62 (c) (6)		"Not furnish or make accessible for copying mail addresses of members of the Association.
Section 62 (c) (7)		Section 2(c) (7) (no other change)
Section 62 (d)		Section 2(c) (8) (no other change)
Section 63		Section 2(d) (no other change)
Section 64		Section 3 (no other change)
ARTICLE VII		Section 4 (no other change)
Section 71		ARTICLE VII
"Offices of the County Association" - The office of the As-		Section 1 (and changed to read)
		"Offices of the County Association"- The office of the Association shall be

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sociation shall be located at such place in the county as may be selected by the county committee subject to the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration."

located at such place in the county as may be selected by the county committee subject to the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The location of the office shall not be changed without prior approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration".

ARTICLE VIII

Section 81

Section 82

"Inspection - The books, records, and documents of the Association shall be available for examination: (1) at all times by officers and committeemen in the performance of their duties and by any authorized representative of the Secretary of Agriculture or of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and (2) at any reasonable time by any member of the Association insofar as his interest under the programs administered by the Association may be affected. They shall not be available for inspection or examination by any other person, except with the prior approval of the Secretary of Agriculture or of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration."

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1 (no other change)

Section 2 (and changed to read)

"Inspection - The books, records, and documents of the Association shall be available for examination: (1) at all times by officers and committeemen in the performance of their duties and by any authorized representative of the Secretary of Agriculture or of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and (2) at any reasonable time by any member of the Association insofar as his interest under the programs administered by the Association may be affected. They shall not be available for inspection or examination by any other person, except as provided in Article VI Section 2(c) (5) or with the prior approval of the Secretary of Agriculture or of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

ARTICLE IX

Sections 91, 92, 93, 94 and 95

ARTICLE IX

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, respectively  
(no other change)

ARTICLE X

Section 101

ARTICLE X

Section 1 (no other change)

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ARTICLE XI

Section 111

ARTICLE XI

Section 1 (no other change)

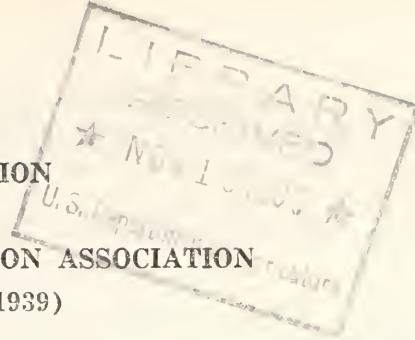
ARTICLE XII

Omitted

(The sentence, "The foregoing Articles of Association are hereby approved, effective beginning with September 14, 1939", is all that is necessary to effect approval by the Secretary of Agriculture).



ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION  
OF  
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION  
(As amended September 14, 1939)



ARTICLE I.—NAME

SECTION 1. The name of this Association shall be the Agricultural Conservation Association of .....

County, ....., (State) ....., hereinafter referred to as the "Association."

ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE

SECTION 1. *Purpose.*—The purpose of the Association shall be to cooperate with the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary of Agriculture," the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and other agencies of the Department of Agriculture in carrying out, in accordance with the applicable laws, regulations, rules, and official instructions, the provisions of Sections 7 to 17, inclusive, of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, the Federal Crop Insurance Act, the Sugar Act of 1937, and any amendments to such acts, and such other Acts of Congress as the Secretary of Agriculture may designate. The Association shall not engage in any other activity.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. *Qualification for Membership.*—Any person who is participating or cooperating in any current program developed under any of said Acts of Congress, or who has an interest in a farm or ranch and who states in writing on a form prescribed by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration his intention to participate or cooperate in any such program, with respect to any farm or ranch in the county shall be a member of the Association.

SEC. 2. *Termination of Membership.*—Any person otherwise a member of the Association shall cease to be a member thereof as soon as it becomes evident that he cannot qualify for a payment or grant of aid in the county in connection with any of the programs under Acts of Congress listed in Article II.

ARTICLE IV.—LOCAL AND COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

SECTION 1. *Local Administrative Areas.*—Whenever necessary for efficient and fair administration, the county shall be divided into local administrative areas, hereinafter referred to as "communities." The boundaries of the communities shall be fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture after considering such recommendations as have been submitted. No such community shall include more than one county or parts of different counties.

SEC. 2. *Delegates to the County Convention.*—Except in any county in which there is only one community committee, members of the Association entitled to vote at the community election meetings shall, at the time of the election of the community committee, elect from their number a delegate and an alternate delegate (to serve in case of absence, disability, resignation, disqualification, or removal of the delegate) to a county convention for the election of the county agricultural conservation committee (hereinafter referred to as the county committee).

SEC. 3. *Community Committee Members and Alternates.*—Members of the Association residing in a community and participating or cooperating in any program currently administered in such community through the Association shall elect annually from their number a community committee of three members, of whom one shall be elected as chairman and one as vice-chairman. At the same election members of the Association residing in the community shall also elect from their number first and second alternate members of the community committee to serve in the order elected in case of the absence, disability, resignation, disqualification, or removal of any committeeman. With the prior approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, a smaller number of members and alternates may be elected to any community committee in case such change is justified by the particular circumstances.

SEC. 4. *County Committee.*—(a) The delegates to the county convention from the several communities in a county shall in an annual convention elect the county committee for the county, which shall consist of three farmers who are members of the Association and are actively participating or cooperating in one or more of the programs described in Article V, Section 1 (3). One of such members shall be elected as chairman and one as vice-chairman of the county committee. At the same election such delegates shall also elect from the members of the Association so actively participating or cooperating first and second alternate members of the county committee to serve in the order elected in case of the absence, disability, resignation, disqualification, or removal of any county committeeman.

(b) If the County Agricultural Extension Agent for the county is not elected secretary to the county committee and the Association (hereinafter referred to as secretary to the county committee), he shall be ex officio a member of the county committee but shall not have the power to vote.

(c) In any county in which there is only one community committee the community committee shall also be the county committee.

SEC. 5. *Calling of Elections.*—Each election under this article shall be held on a date or within a period and at a place fixed by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration as affording full opportunity for participation therein by those eligible. Each such election shall be held in accordance with detailed instructions issued by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration compatible with these articles and the applicable laws, regulations, rules, and official instructions. If the number of eligible farmers participating in any election provided for in this article is so small that the Agricultural Adjustment Administration finds that it is not likely that the result of the election represents the views of or would be satisfactory to a majority of the farmers who were eligible to participate in such election, it shall declare the election void and call a new election.

SEC. 6. *Vacancies.*—In case of a vacancy in the office of chairman of a county or community committee, the respective vice-chairman shall become chairman; in case of a vacancy in the office of vice-chairman the third regular member shall become vice-chairman; in case of a vacancy in the office of the third regular member, the first alternate shall become the third regular member; and in case of a vacancy in the office of the first alternate, the second alternate shall become the first alternate. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the membership of the committee when no alternate is available to fill the vacancy, an election to fill such vacancies as exist in the membership and in the panel of alternates shall be held in the manner prescribed in this Article.

## ARTICLE V.—COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES

SECTION 1. *Eligibility of Committeemen, Delegates, and Alternates.*—(a) Any member of the Association otherwise qualified shall be eligible to serve as a committeeman, delegate, or alternate committeeman or delegate only if such member—

- (1) Is engaged in farming or ranching and derives a substantial part of his income directly from farming or ranching;
- (2) Is a resident of the community or county for which the committee, delegate, or alternate is elected;
- (3) Has during the current year qualified for a payment or grant of aid in connection with the Agricultural or Range Conservation or Sugar Program administered by the Association in the county for which the committeeman, delegate, or alternate is elected or in the county in which he was engaged in farming or ranching during such year;
- (4) Is not holding any Federal, State, or major county office filled by an election held pursuant to law, or is not or has not been during the current year and does not become a candidate for any such office;
- (5) Is not and has not been and does not become during the current year an officer or employee of any political party or political organization;
- (6) Has not been removed for cause from office as committeeman, delegate, alternate, officer, or employee of any Association or like organization, or from public office, or convicted of any fraud, larceny, embezzlement, or felony, unless such disqualification is waived for good cause shown by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration; and
- (7) Is not a member of the State Agricultural Conservation Committee.

(b) Any member of the Association otherwise qualified who has been elected as a member of the community committee may also be elected as a delegate to the county convention or as an alternate member of the county committee, or both, but unless otherwise provided by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for good cause shown, when a member of the community committee becomes a regular member of the county committee he shall cease to be a member of the community committee.

SEC. 2. *Secretary to the County Committee.*—The secretary to the county committee and the Association shall be selected by the county committee subject to the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The secretary need not be a member of the Association and may be the County Agricultural Extension Agent but shall not be a member or an alternate member of the county committee.

SEC. 3. *Treasurer of the County Committee.*—The treasurer of the county committee and of the Association (hereinafter referred to as the treasurer of the county committee) shall be selected by the county committee, subject to the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The treasurer need not be a member of the Association but shall not be the County Agricultural Extension Agent or a member or alternate member of the county committee. The offices of secretary to and treasurer of the county committee may, in the discretion of the county committee, be combined, except where the County Agricultural Extension Agent shall have been selected as secretary to the county committee.

SEC. 4. *Secretary to Community Committee.*—Each community committee shall select a secretary and may utilize the County Agricultural Extension Agent or the secretary to the county committee for such purpose or may select another person as its secretary.

SEC. 5. *Terms of Office.*—(a) The terms of office of all members, alternate members, and officers of county and community committees shall begin on January 1 next after their election unless an earlier date is specified as necessary for any area by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and shall continue for a period of 12 months or until their respective successors have been elected and have qualified.

(b) The terms of office of delegates and their alternates shall begin immediately upon their election and shall continue until their successors have been elected.

SEC. 6. *Removal from Office.*—(a) Any secretary, treasurer, employee of the Association, or of any of its committees who fails to perform the duties of his office, is incompetent, or commits, attempts, or conspires to commit fraud, shall be removed by the county committee subject to the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. If the county committee fails to act promptly in such cases the Agricultural Adjustment Administration shall remove such officer or employee on its own initiative.

(b) Any member of the community committee who fails to perform the duties of his office, is incompetent, or commits, attempts, or conspires to commit fraud, shall be removed by the county committee subject to the prior approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

(c) Any regular or alternate member of the county committee who fails to perform the duties of his office, is incompetent, or commits or attempts or conspires to commit fraud shall be removed but only by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The Agricultural Adjustment Administration may also remove any regular or alternate member of the county or community committee if such action appears to be necessary to prevent obstruction or failure or lack of requisite success of the purposes of one or more of the programs administered by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

(d) Any community or county committeeman or secretary, treasurer, of the Association or of any of its committees who is removed from office shall have the right of appeal to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for review of the facts. Any individual who, on such review, is cleared of charges shall not be considered ineligible by reason of such removal within the meaning of Section 1 (a) (6) of this article.

(e) Any regular or alternate committeeman or delegate or alternate delegate shall cease to be such as soon as it becomes evident that he cannot qualify for a payment or grant of aid under the current Agricultural or Range Conservation or Sugar Program administered by the Association in the county.

SEC. 7. *Political Activity.*—(a) No person who has been a candidate during the current year or who holds or becomes a candidate for a Federal, State, or major county office filled by an election held pursuant to law or who is

or during the current year has been or becomes an officer or employee of any political party or political organization shall be eligible to serve as a member, alternate member, officer, or employee of a county or community committee or as a delegate or alternate delegate to the county convention. The tenure of office of any such committeeman, delegate, officer, or employee shall be automatically terminated and a vacancy shall exist as soon as such person becomes such a candidate or accepts such a political position.

(b) The office, clerical, mailing, or other facilities of the Association shall not be used for political purposes, nor shall any such facility be used in any way to support, assist, or oppose any political candidate or party or for any other purposes than those set forth in Article II.

SEC. 8. *Private Business Activity.*—No regular or alternate committeeman, officer, or employee of the Association shall at any time use his position to promote any private business interest.

## ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

SECTION 1. *Duties of County Committee.*—The county committee, subject to the general direction and supervision of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, shall be generally responsible for the carrying out of the purposes of the Association in the county. In so doing the committee shall—

(a) Determine farm acreage allotments, goals, normal yields, and other agricultural facts required under the programs formulated under the statutes listed in Article II for farms in the county, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture and instructions issued by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration;

(b) Select the secretary to and the treasurer of the county committee, provide for the employment of necessary personnel in the office of the county committee, and fix the rate of compensation for such personnel, subject to the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration;

(c) Supervise and direct the activities of the community committees established in the county;

(d) Review and certify, if otherwise correct, prescribed forms filed by, or on behalf of, members of the Association;

(e) Make available to members of the Association authorized information with respect to programs in which the Association is being utilized;

(f) Recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture needed changes in boundaries of communities;

(g) Recommend to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration desirable changes in or additions to programs under the statutes listed in Article II;

(h) Conduct such hearings and investigations as the Agricultural Adjustment Administration may request; and

(i) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

SEC. 2. *Duties of Officers of the County Committee.*—(a) *Chairman.*—The chairman of the county committee shall preside at meetings of the county committee and of the Association, supervise the work of the county committee, certify, if otherwise correct, such documents as may require his certification, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him.

(b) *Vice Chairman.*—The vice chairman of the county committee shall, in the absence of the chairman, serve as acting chairman of the county committee and in such capacity he shall perform such duties as would be performed by the chairman.

(c) *Secretary.*—The secretary to the county committee shall be custodian of all the records and documents filed in the office of the Association. He also shall—

(1) Maintain an adequate supply of official forms and pamphlets required for use by members of the Association;

(2) Certify the results of all elections held in the county or communities within the county;

(3) Give public notice of the designation and boundaries of each community within the county not less than 10 days prior to the election of community committeemen and delegates or alternates;

(4) Cause due notice to be given of all acreage allotments and such other information as may be required;

(5) Provide for the accessibility of information to the public as follows:

(i) Make available for public inspection in the Association office information pertaining to each farm within the county with respect to the number of acres in acreage allotments or goals that may be established for the farm, the average yields or productivity indexes established for the farm, and the acreage of range land and grazing capacity thereof for each ranching unit, owned or operated in the county by members of the Association, and payments received by the farmers for cooperating in programs administered by the Association except that the information concerning payments shall not be made available sooner than 30 days after such payments have been received by the farmers;

(ii) Post conspicuously in the office of the Association each year the names and addresses of all regular or alternate committeemen, officers, and employees of the Association, the amount received as pay by each as such committeeman, officer, or employee, and the total amount of the Association's administrative expenses for that year;

(6) Not furnish or make accessible for copying mail addresses of members of the Association;

(7) Give due public notice at least 5 calendar days in advance of all meetings of the Association, all elections of regular or alternate community committeemen, and all conventions of delegates to elect the county committeemen; and

(8) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the county committee or the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

(d) *Treasurer.*—The treasurer of the county committee shall have custody of all funds of the Association and shall disburse such funds only upon the authorization of the county committee, evidenced in writing on forms prescribed by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Such treasurer shall also receive, hold, dispose of, and account for any other funds, negotiable instruments, or property, private or public, as provided in applicable rules, regulations, or instructions which are now or may hereafter become effective, authorizing him to receive and so handle such other funds, negotiable instruments, or property.

SEC. 3. *Duties of Community Committees.*—The community committees shall—

(a) Assist the county committee in determining acreage allotments, goals, normal yields, and other agricultural facts required under the programs listed in Article II for farms in the county;

(b) Inform farmers concerning the purposes and provisions of programs being administered in the county through the Association;

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(c) Assist in arranging for and conducting the necessary community meetings of members of the Association; and

(d) Perform such other duties as shall be assigned to them by the county committee or the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

SEC. 4. *Duties of Officers of Community Committees.*—(a) *Chairman of Community Committee.*—The chairman of the community committee shall preside at all meetings of the community committee and of the members of the Association in the community. He shall supervise the work of the members of the community committee.

(b) *Vice Chairman.*—The vice chairman of the community committee shall, in the absence of the chairman, perform such duties and functions as would be performed by the chairman.

(c) *Secretary.*—The secretary to the community committee shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the secretary to the county committee or by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

## ARTICLE VII.—OFFICES

SECTION 1. *Office of the County Association.*—The office of the Association shall be located at such place in the county as may be selected by the county committee subject to the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The location of the office shall not be changed without prior approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

## ARTICLE VIII.—CUSTODY AND PUBLICATION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS

SECTION 1. *Custody.*—All books, records, and documents of the Association shall be the property of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and shall be maintained in good order in the office of the Association in the custody of the secretary to the county committee.

SEC. 2. *Inspection.*—The books, records, and documents of the Association shall be available for examination: (1) at all times by officers and committeemen in the performance of their duties and by any authorized representative of the Secretary of Agriculture or of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and (2) at any reasonable time by any member of the Association insofar as his interest under the programs administered by the Association may be affected. They shall not be available for inspection or examination by any other person, except as provided in Article VI, Section 2 (c) (5) or with the prior approval of the Secretary of Agriculture or of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

## ARTICLE IX.—MEETINGS

SECTION 1. *Purpose.*—Meetings of any community committee or of the county committee shall be called only when necessary for the performance of the duties of the committee.

SEC. 2. *Time and Place of Meetings.*—Meetings of the county committee and of the Association may be held at the office of the Association or at any other suitable and readily accessible place within the county.

Meetings of delegates to the county convention shall be held at such time and at such place within the county as may be prescribed by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

SEC. 3. *Call and Notice.*—Due notice shall be given of each meeting of any community committee, the county committee, the county convention, or the Association. Any such committee meeting may be called by the chairman, acting chairman, or secretary to the committee.

SEC. 4. *Quorum.*—A majority of any committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the delegates elected to the county convention shall constitute a quorum for the election of county committeemen.

SEC. 5. *Voting.*—Each member of the Association, delegate to the county convention, or member or alternate member of a community or county committee eligible to vote shall be entitled to only one vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.

## ARTICLE X.—DEDUCTION FOR ASSOCIATION EXPENSES

SECTION 1. *Deductions for Expenses and Notice Thereof.*—(a) All or such part, as the Secretary of Agriculture may prescribe, of the estimated administrative expenses of the Association may be deducted pro rata from any payments or loans made to members of the Association in connection with any program with which the Association is concerned.

(b) In each case where any administrative expenses are deducted in connection with a program current after June 30, 1939, each member of the Association shall be apprised, in the form of a statement on a form prescribed by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration accompanying the check evidencing the payment or loan, of the amount or percentage deducted from such payment or loan on account of such administrative expenses.

## ARTICLE XI.—AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. These Articles of Association may be amended from time to time by the Secretary of Agriculture. The foregoing Articles of Association are hereby approved, effective beginning with September 14, 1939.

  
H. A. Wallace  
Secretary of Agriculture.